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HOUSE BILL 468

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LAND GRANT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND GRANTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 49, ARTICLE 1 NMSA  
1978 TO INCLUDE THE TOWN OF TOME LAND GRANT-MERCED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 49-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1907,  
Chapter 42, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"49-1-2. APPLICATION.--

A. Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA 1978 shall  
apply to all land grants-mercedes confirmed by the congress of  
the United States or by the court of private land claims or  
designated as land grants-mercedes in any report or list of  
land grants prepared by the surveyor general and confirmed by  
congress, but shall not apply to any land grant that is now  
managed or controlled in any manner, other than as provided in  
Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA 1978, by virtue of any

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1 general or special act.

2 B. If a majority of the members of the board of  
3 trustees of a land grant-merced covered by specific legislation  
4 determines that the specific legislation is no longer  
5 beneficial to the land grant-merced, the board has the  
6 authority to petition the legislature to repeal the legislation  
7 and to be governed by its bylaws and as provided in Sections  
8 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA 1978.

9 C. The town of Tome land grant-merced, situated in  
10 Valencia county, confirmed by congress in 1858 and patented by  
11 the United States to the town of Tome, shall be governed by the  
12 provisions of Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA 1978."